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NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

PRELIMINARY SITUATION REPORT NO 31

BRASS KNOB missions [REDACTED]
Preliminary analysis of the aerial photography from these missions reveals the following items of interest:

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1. SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD

No aircraft observed. Eight fuselage crates remain. No significant change is noted in airfield facilities from [REDACTED] 13 BEAGLE/MASCOT aircraft and 20 fuselage crates were observed here.

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2. ARTEMISA MILITARY CAMP

The area 4.5 nautical miles northeast of the main camp contains 12 or more canvas-covered vehicles in a small clearing. In the camp, 156 vehicles including tanks, trucks and various other vehicles are visible. AAA defenses observed are one 6-gun position in the northwestern section of the camp and one 9-gun position in the southeast section of the camp. Both of these AAA positions appear unoccupied.

3. HAVANA PORT

Two tankers, 26 freighters, 4 barges, 3 patrol craft, one patrol frigate and numerous small craft are visible. No military equipment observed; however, clouds and cloud shadow limit interpretation.

4. SANTA BRIGIDA MILITARY ACTIVITY

No report. Area was cloud-covered.

5. MATANZAS PORT

No report. Area was cloud-covered.

6. CARDENAS PORT

No report. Area was cloud-covered.

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7. CIENFUEGOS PORT

Two probable Kronstadt-class and two PT-type craft present. No large vessels. Port facilities remain unchanged since [REDACTED]

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8. CASILDA PORT

Several small vessels are in the harbor. No military activity is observed at the piers or on the access roads.

9. CASILDA MISSILE EQUIPMENT AREA

Twenty-four possible oxidizer trailers and 35 cargo or other type vehicles are in the area. Also present are one small and 9 large tents.

10. LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE

This site contains one launch revetment. No military vehicles or missile equipment observed.

11. MARIEL PORT

Nine probable IL-28 fuselage crates, 5 IL-28 fuselages, numerous vehicles and pieces of equipment are at Mariel City Pier. Vessels observed include one freighter at Mariel City Pier, 2 patrol frigates, 2 PT boats, 7 KOMAR-class PT and numerous small craft.

STATUS OF MISSION READOUT

PI readout of Missions [REDACTED] is approximately 85 percent complete. Immediate photographic interpretation reports (IPIRS) on these missions will be published as NPIC/R-1124/62 and NPIC/R-1123/62.

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